The moſt lamentable Romaine Tragedie of *Titus Andronicus*: As it was plaid by the Right Honorable the Earle of Darbie, Earle of Pembrooke, and Earle of Suſſex theyr Seruants.

Enter the Tribunes *and* Senatours *aloft: And then enter* Saturninus *and his followers at one doore, and* Baſsianus *and his followers, with Drums and Trumpets.*

Saturninus.

NOble Patricians, Patrons of my right,
Defend the iuſtice of my cauſe with armes.
And Countrimen my louing followers,
Plead my ſucceſsiue Title with your ſwords:
I am his firſt borne ſonne, that was the laſt
That ware the Imperiall Diademe of Rome,
Then let my Fathers honours liue in mee,
Nor wrong mine age with this indignitie.

Baſsianus.

Romaines, friends, followers, fauourers of my right,
If euer *Baſsianus Cæſars* ſonne,
Were gracious in the eyes of royall Rome,
Keepe then this paſſage to the Capitoll,
And ſuffer not diſhonour to approch,
The Imperiall ſeate to vertue, conſecrate
To iuſtice, continence, and Nobilitie:
But let deſert in pure election ſhine,
And Romaines fight for freedome in your choice.

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